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Method and apparatus for partitioning SONET frames into logical channels to optimize bandwidth utilization

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